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MOTION BY MAYOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

AUGUST 18, 2015

Santa Anita Canyon Road is a scenic mountain road providing the only access to recreational opportunities that include over 30 miles of hiking trails, picnic areas, and campgrounds in the Angeles National Forest. Santa Anita Canyon Road also provides access to Santa Anita Dam and the historic Adams' Pack Station a launch point for transporting supplies to permanent cabins inaccessible by motor vehicle in the forest area and provides critical forest area access for firefighting operations.

The 3.12-mile stretch of roadway between 20 feet north of Arno Drive and 16,850 feet north of Arno Drive is subject to storm and earthquake damage, including flooding; accumulation of sediment; and slope failures, such as landslides and rock falls. These events historically result in road closure.

In January 2015 the Board approved submitting a project application to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) under the California Federal Lands Access Program to fund the rehabilitation of Santa Anita Canyon Road. Under the California Federal Lands Access Program, if a project is selected, FHWA partners with the local agency are to share in the costs of designing and constructing the project.

Public Works and FHWA are finalizing the project scope to determine the final program and match commitments for the County and FHWA. The scoping document estimates the total costs for the project as:

Preliminary Engineering	\$ 440,000
Construction Engineering	\$ 322,000
Construction Contract	<u>\$2,957,000</u>
Total	\$3,719,000

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The project application requested a 64.53 percent FHWA (\$2,399,870) and 35.47 percent County (\$1,319,130) cost sharing agreement of the project costs.

On August 7, 2015, FHWA notified Public Works that the project application for Santa Anita Canyon Road would be funded. FHWA identified available funding to proceed with the project preliminary engineering to ensure the project moves forward in a timely manner without jeopardizing Federal funds.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve \$156,000 toward the County's local match for the preliminary engineering costs from the Fifth Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the fiscal year's Road Fund Budget;
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute project and/or reimbursable agreements with FHWA and the Angeles National Forest to identify roles and responsibilities and funding required to complete the design and environmental impact analysis within the approved funding parameters; and
3. Direct the Director of Public Works upon completion of the design plans and construction specifications for the project to return to the Board to request approval of the project and identify funding sources for the remaining County match commitment.

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